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In re Application of :
CHARLES A. POUTASSE :
Application No. 10/617,653 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: October 17, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. GOUFP364US :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(e), filed May 29, 2003, requesting that a reissue application entitled "Adhesive Compositions and Copper Foils and Copper Clad Laminates Using Same" be assigned an application number and accorded a filing date of October 17, 2002.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service with the United States Postal Service (USPS) on October 17, 2002. In support of the allegation, petitioner provided a copy of the Express Mail label, receipt No. EF232854054US, showing a date-in of October 17, 2002. The same Express Mail receipt number was referred to in the copy of the original application papers submitted with the present petition.

The Office considers the date the paper or fee is shown to have been deposited as "Express Mail" to be the "date-in" on the Express Mail label. See MPEP 513. This is the date that verifies that the package was actually mailed. In view of the above, the evidence is convincing that the application was deposited as "Express Mail" with the USPS on October 17, 2002.

Additionally, petitioner submitted a copy of petitioner's postcard receipt acknowledging receipt of the following: Pages of Specification as Patent; Amendment; Power of Attorney; Reissue Application; Consent of Assignee; and, 37 CFR 3.73 Statement. Petitioner submitted a copy of these papers to the Office on June 30, 2003.

In view of the above, the petition is granted.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for processing as a new reissue application with the filing date of October 17, 2002.

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